

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 10, and 11 are objected to for informalities. Please amend the claims to read as follows wherein changes in a claim are shown by strikethrough for deleted matter and underlining for added matter:

1. (Original) Apparatus for the production of cigarette packs across whose respective end face a band strip attached to the pack extends, said apparatus having a folding turret, in which a cigarette formation including a plurality of cigarettes is wrapped in a pack blank to form cigarette packs and a drying turret in which glue surfaces or glue beads of the cigarette packs are dried, comprising:

- a. pockets arranged along the circumference of said drying turret, the pockets having opposed open sides,
- b. the pockets configured to receive at one open side thereof said cigarette packs to be dried, and
- c. an inspection means arranged in the region of the path of movement of said drying turret for checking the correct positioning of said band strip on said cigarette packs,
- d. the inspection means arranged at the open side of the pockets opposite the open side in which said cigarette packs are received,
- e. the main line of sight of the inspection means being directed at the region of said band strip attached to said end face of said cigarette packs.

2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for the production of cigarette packs across whose respective end face a band strip attached to the pack extends, said apparatus having a folding turret, in which a cigarette formation including a plurality of cigarettes is wrapped in a pack blank to form cigarette packs and a drying turret in which glue surfaces or glue beads of the cigarette packs are dried, comprising:

- a. pockets arranged along the circumference of said drying turret, the pockets having opposed open sides,
- b. the pockets configured to receive at one open side thereof said cigarette packs to be dried, and expel finished cigarette packs out of the opposite open side thereof,
- c. a dispenser for band strips and a band strip positioning device, arranged at the circumferential region of said drying turret,

d. the band strip positioning device holding a band strip in place such that the band strip can be taken along by said end face of said cigarette packs lying against said end face, each time one of said cigarette packs is inserted into one of the pockets, and

e. an inspection means arranged in the region of the path of movement of said drying turret for checking the correct positioning of said band strip on said cigarette pack,

f. the inspection means arranged at the open side of the pockets from which the finished cigarette packs are expelled,

g. the main line of sight of the inspection means being directed at the region of said band strip attached to said end face of said cigarette packs while the inspection means checking for the correct positioning of said band strip.

3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a faulty pack conveyor arranged downstream of said drying turret, by means of the faulty pack conveyor ~~which~~ cigarette packs identified by the inspection means as faulty can be sorted out.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising a faulty pack conveyor arranged downstream of said drying turret, by means of the faulty pack conveyor ~~which~~ cigarette packs identified by the inspection means as faulty can be sorted out.

5. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the inspection means has an electronic camera with a lens and illumination means.

6. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the inspection means has an electronic camera with a lens and illumination means.

7. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 1 further including a trigger sensor, which on the basis of reference points of the drying turret detects reference positions of each of the pockets in which the checking process of the inspection means is to be executed, the trigger sensor generating a trigger signal upon detection of the respective reference position, thereby initiating the process for checking for the correct positioning of the band strip.

8. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 2 further including a trigger sensor, which on the basis of reference points of the drying turret detects reference positions of each of the pockets in which the checking process of the inspection means is to be executed, the trigger sensor generating a trigger signal upon detection of the respective reference position, thereby initiating the process for checking for the correct positioning of the band strip.

9. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein a metal pin is provided as a reference point and is arranged on each of the pockets of said drying turret.

10. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a metal pin is provided as a reference point and is arranged on each of the pockets of said drying turret.

11. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the pockets are axis-parallel pockets.